
CHAPTER 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a long-range guide that coordinates direction and protects the value of transportation resources for transportation system throughout the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (MITW) Reservation. The MITW contracted with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) to develop a comprehensive LRTP. As part of the planning process the MITW formulated a Transportation/Land Use Task Force to guide ECWRPC throughout the plan development. ***A conscientious effort was made to comply with all codes and laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin while observing the strict tenets of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Constitution and Bylaws throughout the drafting of the Long-Range Transportation Plan.***

The Transportation/Land Use Task Force held a committee and public vision session to help in the development of their vision, goals and objectives. The MITW transportation vision is as follows: Provide a safe, accessible, efficient, multimodal transportation system that is coordinated and cooperative, supports and complements the surrounding land-use, and protects the environment and cultural resources.

The MITW Transportation/Land Use Task Force identified the following as important issues to be addresses through the LRTP:

- Participate in the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program;
- Increased modal connectivity and options;
- Sidewalk ordinance;
- Coordinate with existing plans;
- Incorporate the 2009, Menominee Nation Road Safety Audit Recommendations;
- Increased law enforcement on ATV use;
- Complete the planned Tribal Transportation Improvement Program projects;
- Develop transit fixed routes, add bus stop shelters and signage and fashion an educational and informational brochure; and
- Continue a transportation asset management approach.

The MITW developed a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to put forth written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of the LRTP process. A website was created, along with newsletters, press releases, open meetings, questionnaires, visioning sessions and public information booths to make every attempt to include the public and address their comments.

It is through the long-range transportation planning process that the MITW hopes to achieve a balanced transportation system that will meet the needs of all the Menominee Tribal members.

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